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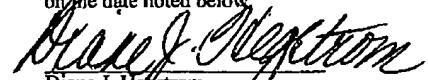
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hitoshi UEDA
 Serial No. : 10/649,888
 Filed : August 26, 2003
 For : REGION SELECTION DEVICE,
 REGION SELECTION METHOD AND
 REGION SELECTION PROGRAM
 Art Unit : 2629
 Examiner : PIZIALI, Jeffrey J.
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2006, the term for response to which expires on October 29, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species I for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

All of claims 16-35 are readable on elected Species I.

The Examiner stated that claims 11, 22, 28, 29, and 35 appear to be generic.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.